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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRIVING SUPPORT  
ROLLERS ON A CONTINUOUS CASTING MACHINE  
FOR MOLTEN METALS IN PARTICULAR FOR  
MOLTEN STEEL MATERIALS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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In advance of the first office action, please amend the  
claims as follows: